

REMARKS

The present Amendment amends claims 21, 24, and 27-32 leaves claims 22, 23, 25 and 26 unchanged and adds new claims 33 and 34. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 21-34.

Applicants' Attorney, the undersigned, and Applicant's Japanese Representatives Mr. Hiroshi Kawano and Mr. Masahi Kawaguchi wish to thank Examiner Neyzari for the courtesy extended during the interview of October 26, 2005. During the interview, the differences between the features of the present invention as recited in the claims and the claims of the copending Application No. 11/024,627, filed December 30, 2004 were discussed. It was agreed during the interview that the claims of the present application have "patentable differences which could overcome the 101 rejection."

Thus, the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 21-32 of the present application as being unpatentable over claims 1-36 of the copending application fails and is hereby traversed. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 21-32 of the present application as being unpatentable over claims 1-36 of the copending application is respectfully requested.

Since there are no other outstanding issues with respect to claims 21-32 these claims are now in condition for allowance.


The present Amendment adds new claims 33 and 34. New claims 33 and 34 recite many of the same features as recited in claims 21-32. Thus, the same reasoning as agreed during the interview that distinguishes the present invention as

recited in claims 21-32 from the claims of the copending application and the references of record apply as well to claims 33 and 34. Therefore, claims 33 and 34 are in condition for allowance the same as claims 21-32.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (500.43451X00).

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